



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **NAKAJIMA, Akio**

Serial No.: 09/400,833

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Examiner: **FLORES SANCHEZ, Omar**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 3858

For: **WORKPIECE-TRANSFER DEVICE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 26, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **January 29, 2003**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claim 1, as follows:

1. (Four Times Amended) A workpiece-transfer device for loading a material workpiece in a workpiece-machining device and unloading a machined product workpiece from the workpiece-machining device, characterized in that the workpiece-transfer device includes a movement means with a rectangular coordinate system for moving a travelling body in a first horizontal direction along the direction in which the workpiece-machining device and a workpiece-storage device stand, said workpiece-machining device and said workpiece-storage device being in a line along said first direction with said workpiece-transfer device located in said line therebetween, as well as in a second horizontal direction orthogonal to the first horizontal direction and in that said travelling body